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James W. Marshall Cabin

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History - James Wilson Marshall discoverer of gold in tailrace of Sutter's sawmill at Coloma, Jan. 24, 1848, built cabin in 1856, south of mill site. Trained as wheelwright, came to Calif., 1845. Engaged by Capt. Sutter to locate and construct saw mill, 1847. Marshall entered partnership with Sutter, 1847, to superintend building of mill. Cabin was his home 1856-67, when moved to Kelsey. Died 1885, buried under granite monument on hilltop. Now in Marshall

History - (cont)

Gold Discovery State Park, cabin a house museum controlled by Division of Beaches & Parks.

Description - Cabin of simple vertical board and batten construction "small but compact in every part. Marshall took great pride in building it, skilled workmanship, 4 rooms and little attic reached by sturdy "ladder" stairway floor boards vary in width; double-hung 6 paned windows.

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